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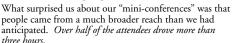
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>>>THIS MONTH INTHENEWS

Each month we select news that we feel will help keep you informed. Many of our news selections are not given adequate attention by the mainline media.

ARCHAEOLOGY<<NEANDERTHALS AND HUMANS INTERBRED

If your heritage is non-African, you are part Neanderthal, according to a new study in the July issue of *Molecular Biology and Evolution*. Damian Labuda of the University of Montreal's Department of Pediatrics and the CHU Sainte-Justine Research Center conducted the study with his colleagues. They determined some of the human X chromosome originates from Neanderthals, but only in people of non-African heritage.

For more info: http://bit.ly/oZw7Qi

AMERICA < MAYOR ALLEGES STIFF CORRUPTION IN ARIZONA TOWN

The far western Arizona town of Quartzsite was in disarray Monday after the town council ousted the mayor from power and declared a state of emergency. Ed Foster was elected as mayor in May 2010 on a campaign promise to investigate corruption allegations in the town. He said since being in office, he has discovered that every pay period, eight to 10 paychecks go to unnamed people and that he has been denied access to financial records to find out where the money goes at every turn. For more info: http://bit.ly/pZK6Lt

ISRAEL << ISRAEL CATCHES WEAPONS SMUGGLERS ON DEAD SEA

Israeli security forces intercepted a boat on the Dead Sea carrying assault rifles and ammunition from Jordan, Israeli authorities said. The military provided a photograph showing a haul of 10 Kalashnikov rifles and the same number of ammunition clips. Army Radio described the vessel as a rubber dinghy. For more info: http://fxn.ws/qf4E9X

ENERGY<<LIQUID FUEL FROM CO2 AND SUNLIGHT

With a little help from genetic engineering, researchers at one Massachusetts company say they've created an organism that takes sunlight, water and carbon dioxide and creates liquid fuel. Bill Sims, CEO of Cambridge-based Joule Unlimited, says the process utilizes a bacteria, which produces a chemical product and secretes it. The result? A fuel that can fill demands for diesel and ethanol. For more info: http://fxn.ws/ppqpL0

FAITH<<GOD WORKS MIRACLES: BOY SURVIVES 25-MINUTE DROWNING

The 12 year old spent at least 25 minutes submerged underwater before rescuers pulled him out. He was not conscious and not breathing. Friends from his church group dropped to their knees and prayed. After receiving CPR, Dale regained a faint heartbeat. Still, his parents feared he was brain-dead. Doctors tried one more time to reach Dale. When they called his name... For more info: http://bit.ly/qj37qa

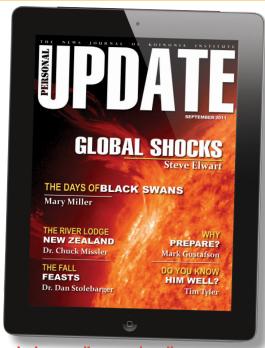
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>>>NEW THIS MONTH STORMWARNING

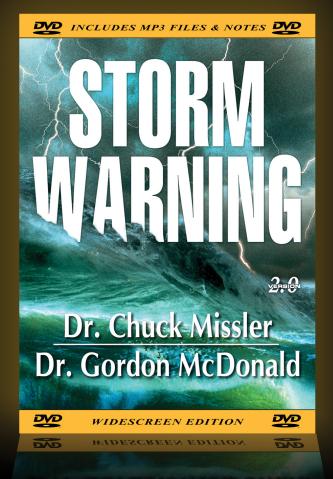
This year promises to be the most challenging opportunity of our lifetimes. Non-linearities are compounding on our personal and national horizons that will test our preparations and our commitment to our callings. Dr. Chuck Missler and Dr. Gordon McDonald discuss the lessons learned from Y2K and how they relate to providing a "Storm Warning" for 2011 and beyond. How bad is our government debt? Can we truly grasp the value of a trillion? Has God abandoned the United States? Find out in this briefing.

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>>>MINISTRY RIVER LODGENEW ZEALAND

We have had several "Mini-Conferences" at the River Lodge in New Zealand, and we've discovered this may be one of the most powerful events we have ever experienced...

Our "Mini-Conferences" involve 40 people arriving on a Friday afternoon and staying at the Lodge through Sunday noon—"40 people for 40 hours"—sequestered in a private rural setting. It's intimate, personal, and, apparently, very life changing.

The Agapé Weekend

One of these was an "Agapé Weekend" for married couples, with both Nan and I sharing how God—through the entire Word of God—uses the marriage to communicate the concept of intimacy, not just for the husband and wife, but for the believer with God Himself.

No exploration of the marriage would be complete without including a review of the Song of Songs, one of the most controversial books in the Bible. So we included an experiment on Saturday evening, using a "Libretto for Four Voices," the Song of Songs adapted from the International Standard Version (ISV) as the script for a participative "radio play." The four voices were Solomon, Shulamit (the "Cinderella" of the piece), the Daughters of Jerusalem (a chorus to reflect the social milieu) and myself as the Narrator/Stage Manager.

Couples among the group volunteered to read various "reflections" which demarcate the different segments of the book.

Much to everyone's relief, it all seemed to work quite well. In fact, this weekend may prove



by Chuck Missler President/Founder of Koinonia Institute

After a distinguished military career and more than 30 very successful years in the corporate business environment, Chuck was led to pursue a life-long endeavor of teaching the Bible on a full-time basis. He founded Koinonia House, an organization devoted to encouraging people to study the Bible. He also founded Koinonia Institute to enable people to have a Kingdom effect on the world today.





to be one of the most popular of the programs to be presented at the River Lodge in the months ahead.

Strategic Perspectives Conferences

We were joined by Ron Matsen and his family from

Portsmouth, U.K., to assist us in upgrading the video and acoustics in our conference room, and we took advantage of him to present some insightful perspectives of Europe as we improvised a modest "Strategic Perspectives Conference" at the River Lodge.

Here again we found it remarkably intimate and impacting—far more than the usual presentation environments. There were plenty of casual "question and answer" opportunities with feedback from the participants.

It was so quickly overbooked that we added a second one on an additional available weekend.

The Kingdom, Power, and Glory

In response to a number of requests, we are doing a conference on the subjects in our most recent book, The Kingdom, Power & Glory, September 2-4, 2011. This will be focused on a broadly overlooked perspective on the coming Kingdom and will include explorations of eternal security, inheritance and rewards, the "Bema Seat," and becoming an "overcomer."

Looking Ahead

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the conferences and also on the hospitality of the Lodge: both were given high marks. The River Lodge has a 30-year history and many *Kiwis* (New Zealanders) have fond memories of previous visits over the years.

What surprised us about these mini-conferences was that people came from a much broader reach than we had anticipated. *Over half of the attendees drove more than three hours*: from Auckland (3 hours), Wellington (5 hours), Hamilton (2 hours), as well as most of the cities in the North Island. (The lake regions around Rotorua and Taupo are only half an hour away.)

In fact, we had a number come from the South Island (Christchurch) as well as Melbourne and Sydney in Australia (which they regarded as "just a short hop away").

Their willingness to spend the money (and their time) for these intensive events has caused us to rethink some of our scheduling for 2012, which, in itself, will prove to be an eventful year. Our ability to capture and distribute timely recordings should also improve as we gain experience with this venue.

We will, of course, be planning well ahead and will keep you informed—in exchange for your continued prayers for this emerging ministry! •

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>>>TRENDS THE DAYS OFBLACK SWANS



by Mary Miller Executive Analyst Koinonia Institute

Following a 23-year executive career that spanned the banking, aerospace, education, and agri-chemical sectors, widowhood changed Mary's life forever. Answering the call from the Lord, she moved to Idaho and completed a one-year internship with Koinonia Institute and was the first member to earn a Silver Medallion. She now works for the Institute in a variety of capacities, including projects, research, analysis, and writing - a watchman on the wall - while continuing her studies.

In his 2007 scholarly work, *The Black Swan: The Impact of the Highly Improbable*, Nassim Nicholas Taleb explains why the black swan is a metaphor about the significance of unexpected events in history...

Simply put, black swans are things we were certain could never happen—and lately it feels as if we are living in the days of black swans.

Defining a Black Swan

A black swan is an event that has three characteristics:

- 1) It lies outside the realm of regular expectations because nothing in the past can convincingly point to its possibility;
- 2) It carries an extreme impact;
- In spite of its outlier status, human nature makes us concoct explanations for its occurrence after the fact, making it explainable and predictable.

The Last Decade

The turn of the century promised a black swan in the form of the Y2K computer software scare. For many, it appeared as if it just didn't happen. However, 2000 came in with its own black swan. Billions of dollars were spent dodging a bullet and producing new computer software to replace the legacy programs that would cause a problem. In the process, the sheer volume caused many technology companies to look to India, then Eastern Europe and China for outsourcing their software development and customer support. It was a tremendous black swan to the American labor force.

The 2005 Hurricane Katrina was a black swan. It was assumed that New Orleans was secure because of levees built to sustain a Category Three hurricane. According to Lt. Gen. Carl Strock, chief of engineers for the Corps of Army Engineers, "We were just caught by a storm whose intensity exceeded the protection that we had in place."

The 2008-2009 global financial meltdown was not supposed to happen either. Surely, the people who annually received multimillion dollar bonuses couldn't have created prime loan strategies that would prove worthless. They did.

In 2010 the British Petroleum (BP) Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico flowed for three months. It is the largest accidental marine oil spill in the history of the petroleum industry. The explosion aboard the drilling rig killed 11 men working on the platform and injured 17 others. On July 15, 2010, the leak was stopped by capping the gushing wellhead after it had released about 4.9 million barrels of crude oil.

On March 11, 2011, Japan was rocked by a 9.0 earthquake off its northeastern coast. The resulting damage to the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear reactors is a black swan incident. The reactors were built to sustain a 7.0 earthquake, but not one of 9.0 with a resulting tsunami that wiped out the power to the plant and covered much of it with sea water.

Once again, the response was: "No one could have expected this!"

Simply put, black swans are things we were certain could never happen.

Looking at the World Through a Biblical Lens

This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

2 Timothy 3:1

The inside wall of the eye of Katrina at altitude.

We are in the last days and perilous times have certainly come! Perhaps our normalcy bias should be "Anything Can Happen!"

> For when they shall say, Peace



Black swans are not just unexpected events, they are often created and then treated as black swans. and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape. But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief. Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness.

1 Thessalonians 5:3-5

Prophecy paints a vivid picture of what the future days hold as we come to the end of this age in anticipation of His return. We, as mere human beings, do not have the power to change the outcome. Those who believe there is no God would try to have us believe otherwise and put our security in the knowledge and science of man.

Author NassimTaleb explains the propensity of the human mind:

The human mind suffers three ailments when it comes into contact with history—the triplet of opacity:

1. The illusion of understanding, or how everyone thinks they understand what is going on in a world that is more complicated (or random)

than they realize;

- 2. The retrospective distortion, or how we can assess matters only after the fact, as if they were in a rearview mirror (history seems clearer and more organized in history books than it does in empirical reality); and
- 3. The over evaluation of factual informa-

Ground Zero
World Trade Center



tion and the handicap of authoritative and learned people, particularly when they create categories—when they "Platonify."

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Joplin, MO tornado destruction, 2011

warned of the impending 2008 financial meltdown:

Globalization creates interlocking fragility, while reducing volatility and giving the appearance of stability. In other words it creates devastating Black Swans. We have never lived before under the threat of a global collapse. Financial Institutions have been merging into a smaller number of very large banks. Almost all banks are interrelated. So the financial ecology is swelling into gigantic, incestuous, bureaucratic banks—when one fails, they all fall.

For decades, many Christian pastors and teachers have been advising their flocks to get out of the world's financial systems as they were seriously failing God's abhorring of "unequal weights and measures." We should have been expecting the black swan.

Consequences of Iniquity

Dan Stolebarger's recent Young Lion's Club study on the Book of Lamentations provides in vivid detail the picture of Jeremiah (the "weeping" not "whining" prophet) sitting and overlooking the devastation that was once Jerusalem—a black swan to the false prophets who

If we listen to politicians and media spin experts, we would believe...



Inspectors at Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant

a nation that could not save us.

knew not the coming destruction in judgment. [I highly recommend listening to it: www.studycenter. com.]

The anger of the Lord hath divided them; he will no more regard them: they respected not the persons of the priests, they favoured not the elders. As for us, our eyes as yet failed for our vain help: in our watching we have watched for

Lamentations 4:16-17

...that politicians, international bankers and corporate executives have everything under control to bring the reeling world back into a natural order of everyday activity.

Matthew 24:6-9 describes what shall happen before the end of this age—wars and rumors of wars; nations and kingdoms against one another; famines and pestilence; and earthquakes in diverse places. And importantly, "then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake."

Again, Taleb defines our road to Matthew 24:

Owing to...misunderstanding of the causal chains between policy and actions, we can easily trigger Black Swans thanks to aggressive ignorance—like a child playing with a chemistry kit.

If we listen to politicians and media spin experts, we would believe that politicians, international bankers and corporate executives have everything under control to bring the reeling world back into a natural orbit of everyday activity.

That would be hard enough to believe under very good circumstances—what about the "unexpected" events that keep "surprising all of the experts."



Max Planck, the father of quantum physics, once said:

A new scientific truth does not triumph by convincing its opponents and making them see the light, but rather because its opponents eventually die, and a new generation grows up that is familiar with it.

In today's world, it is all about the marketing and the money supporting the agenda.

In his book, The Crash Course: The Unsustainable Future of Our Economy, Energy, And Environment, Chris Martenson expresses his frustration:

...the economists and other people in power seem to have no idea of the connections between the economy, energy, and the environment. When reality finally convinces enough of them that it needs to be taken seriously, in what sort of world will we be living?

It will be a world in which it is too late to stop the progression of black swan events—both natural and unnatural. It will be a world in which the black swan events lead to greater efforts at shared global responsibility and authority.

It will be a world ready to accept the leadership of someone who seems to have all the answers and the charisma to sell them. It will be a world of new "revelation."

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GLOBAL SHOCKS

FUTURE EXPECTATIONS IN A NON-LINEAR WORLD

by Steve Elwart Senior Analyst Koinonia Institute

For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.

Matthew 24:7-8

The Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) is a quasi-governmental organization consisting of 34 countries. It was founded in 1961 to stimulate economic progress and world trade. Truly globalist in nature, some of the founding countries consisted of most of the European countries, the United States and Canada, with Japan joining three years later (Turkey was also a founding member). During the next twelve years Finland, Australia, and New Zealand also joined the organization. The OCED website¹ states that its purpose was to: "... work with governments to understand what drives economic, social and environmental change. ... We analyze and compare data to predict future trends." [Emphasis added].

On June 21, the OCED held a closed webcast to present their findings of what they determined were "Future Global Shocks." Global shocks are active threats that spread across the entire planet. They may take the form of health, climate, social, or financial issues.

The impetus of the report came from the 2008 financial crisis, which demonstrated the

fragility of world systems. The OCED was afraid that another shock of that type would challenge economic recovery, social systems and possibly political stability. The crisis revealed the national vulnerabilities through economic imbalances, unstable commodity prices and currencies, large public debts and severe budget deficits.

The organization commissioned the study to investigate these vulnerabilities and recommend remedies. The report draws primarily from analysis contained in four case studies. The webcast reviewed the report, which identified the types of events that could lead to global shocks.

These disruptive events, such as earthquakes, volcanoes, financial crises and political revolutions will destabilize critical systems, producing economic disruptions that can have effects far beyond their point of origin.

In today's world of interconnectivity, these disruptions can circle the globe faster and more often than ever before.

An example of a global shock would be the July 2010 wildfires in Russia, the world's third largest wheat producer. Those fires consumed twenty percent of the nation's wheat crop. At the time of these wildfires, there was also a record drought that had already threatened the country's crop harvests. Because of the double threat, Russia halted its wheat exports, which resulted in an increase in the world wheat price.

While Russia was decreasing its wheat exports, massive floods were occurring in Australia, Canada and the United States that further reduced wheat supplies.

Meanwhile, in North Africa, repressive governments, access to the Internet, a "youth bulge" in its population, and relatively high unemployment pushed social stability in the area towards its "Tipping Point."

The effects of rapid and multiple price hikes in wheat combined with the natural and man-made problems produced social unrest, which in turn spread into Egypt, Libya and throughout several countries in the Middle East and North Africa region.²



by Steve Elwart Senior Analyst Koinonia Institute

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Four Global Shocks

The OCED reported on four global shocks that are probable events in our future:

1) Pandemic

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The first global shock discussed in the webinar is the pandemic. A pandemic is the spread of an infectious disease through a human population across a large region. While the timing of a pandemic cannot be predicted, experts seem to agree that a viral outbreak that will reach pandemic proportions will be some form of Influenza A, for which there is little or no immunity and spreads easily among populations.

Influenza virus strains are always circulating in the world, and flare up during the "flu season" in the temperate climate zones of the world. Most epidemiologists consider the next flu pandemic to be inevitable, but they do not know precisely when or where it will begin.

Over the past three centuries, a flu pandemic has been identified every 25 to 30 years. Three influenza pandemics occurred during the 20th century: 1918-19, 1957-58, and 1968-69. The most severe influenza pandemic of the 20th century occurred in 1918-19 when an estimated 40 to 50 million deaths were caused worldwide.

The World Health Organization (WHO) considers 2.0 to 7.4 million deaths globally as a conservative estimate of a flu pandemic, with substantial effects on both the physical and financial health of countries. The most severe impacts are concentrated in the very young

Table 1 - Features of potential global shocks (OECD)

Global Shock	Hazard	Precursors	Uncertainties	Global Vectors
Pandemic	Human Influenza	National epidemic threshold exceeded	Location and timing of onset, attack rate, morbidity and mortality	Travel in airplanes, wild aquatic birds
Cyber Attack	Zero day exploit of virus or worm code	Terrorist threats made in advance	Cross-border interdependencies	Internet, USB keys, DVD, CD, floppy disk
Financial Crisis	Massive bank illiquidity/ insolvencies, currency crisis, sovereign default	Asset bubbles, sudden rise in spread of bank rates	Amounts of bank debt exposures	Interconnections of bank debt holdings, common currencies and pegged currencies
Geomagnetic storm	Geomagnetic induced current	Coronal mass ejection	Ranges of latitude exposed to direct impacts	Critical infrastructure Disruptions

and the elderly, although school children may have the highest attack rates. Persons with certain underlying chronic illnesses are also at higher risk of serious complications.

During a pandemic, **shocks to supply systems** are expected in transport, trade, payment systems, and major utilities. A separate study assuming a pandemic that causes 200,000 deaths in the United States, and more than 700,000 hospitalizations estimated that the economic losses would be US \$550 billion across all developed countries.

Modern air travel means that an outbreak of infectious disease in one country could spread worldwide in a matter of days where in the past it would have taken months or years. The 2002 outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) illustrated that one person in the densely populated city of Hong Kong, China could transmit a virus to guests staying in the same hotel, thus enabling the virus to spread quickly worldwide once they returned to their homes in airplanes.

There were 8096 recorded cases with 775 deaths, a 9.6% mortality rate.

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2) Financial Crises

Well before the global financial crisis of 2008, regional and national financial crises had been increasing in number over the past

twenty years. Japan, Mexico, Southeast Asia, Russia, Turkey and Argentina all suffered financial crises that were bellwethers of what was to come.

Financial experts had put forth theories about how





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crises develop and how they can be prevented, but there is no clear consensus. What is clear though is that the crises did not end in 2008. They will continue and be at least as bad as they have been in the past.

When an individual overleveraged borrower defaults, the spread (or contagion) of the effects of the default, while serious, is spread to a small group of people and institutions. When the borrower is a sovereign nation or major financial institution, the "financial contagion" will have far wider implications.

The default will affect only a few financial institutions at first, but then spread to the rest of financial sector and other countries whose economies were previously healthy. It is very similar to the transmission of a medical disease in a pandemic.

The financial woes of the United States, Ireland, and Greece illustrate how defaults carry the risk of contagion in a globally interconnected economy. In complex systems like those exhibited by financial institutions, financial shocks can emerge from inside the system itself, meaning that the system can collapse from within. It does not necessarily take a shock from outside forces to trigger a financial crisis and eventual collapse of the system.

A good example of a "financial contagion" is the May 6, 2010 "Flash Crash." Because of computerized trading (the "inside system") the Dow Jones Industrial Average plunged about 900 points or nine percent of its total value in minutes. About \$1 trillion in market value disappeared. The financial contagion from this crash was seen in the Standard & Poor's 500 (a competing stock market). Congressional investigations indicated that while the drop was temporary and the stocks rebounded, the United States dodged a large financial bullet.

3. Cyber Risks

It has been well documented that cyber-related events can generate a great deal of harm and financial disruptions. Many cyber experts hold that a single cyber attack using current technology is unlikely to cause a full-scale global shock. For such a shock to occur, the attack

would have to exploit a fundamental flaw in the Internet. It would also have to be a flaw that could not be easily remedied. The attack would have to disrupt a minimum amount of major hubs to spread the attack across the entire world-wide network.

One scenario for a global shock consists of several simultaneous attacks on key infrastructures by attackers with sophisticated skills, probably a nation-state as opposed to a hacking group or an organized crime ring. In this scenario as well, while there could be area or regional disruptions, a global disruption is unlikely. The Internet was designed not to have a "single point of failure," so a damaged section of the Internet can be routed around along a different path.

However, an attack that targets about 5% of central hubs, such as telecommunication switching centers, has the capacity to make the Internet collapse, very rapidly breaking down the entire network to small, unconnected islands containing no more than 100 computers each.

Such a scenario for a global shock due to a cyber attack would entail a combination of events, the proverbial "Perfect Storm." Such a storm could occur if a cyber attack occurred while some other form of disaster or attack (such as a pandemic or physical attack) prevented technical experts from defending and patching the system or rerouting computer traffic.

In another scenario, electricity, gas, water and oil services require

constant monitoring. Monitoring operations present cybervulnerabilities that could be exploited, potentially leading to massive disruption for households, manufacturers, retailers and public services.⁸

Since the 1960s many of these services have been monitored and controlled by

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Newer industrial control systems communicate using the Internet. These systems are more open to cyber attacks than older systems.⁹

Evaluating risks of global shocks from cyber incidents is different from natural incidents. Earthquakes occur along fault lines, floods occur along rivers and large bodies of water. Cyber attacks are not that straightforward. They come from intentional acts and target specific vulnerabilities in the system. Natural events have occurred along with some sort of predictability while cyber events cannot be predicted unless there is a warning by a person or organization. This is why organizations take the position that any vulnerability discovered will be exploited.

4) Geomagnetic Storms

Every eleven years, geomagnetic disturbances occur that have the potential of causing a global shock of long-lasting duration.

Geomagnetic storms are the result of eruptions of plasma from the Sun's corona, or its "atmosphere." The storms that head toward Earth take two to three days to make the trip and when they get to Earth, they interact with the Earth's geomagnetic field. Disturbances

in the geomagnetic field can disrupt the operation of critical infrastructures relying on signals from satellites involved in the Global Positioning System. They can also overload the circuits



and trip breakers of electrical systems and in extreme cases melt the windings of heavy-duty transformers, causing permanent damage.¹⁰

Due to limitations of manufacturing replacement high-voltage power transformers, affected areas could experience very long outages.

The most severe space weather event recorded in history is the Carrington Event of 1859, which disrupted telegraph networks and outages around the world as a result of the currents generated. An event of the same magnitude today could be catastrophic, with some damage estimates as high as several trillion dollars.¹¹

Beginning of Sorrows

The webcast closed with recommendations for more study and estimates of the social and financial consequences of global shocks.

Jesus tells us in Matthew that the "beginning of sorrows" will give the world strife on a grand scale, "nation against nation, and kingdom against kingdom." Some believe this describes normal conflicts of interest that through the centuries have led to war after war. Others believe there will be forces at work beyond the control of the nations. This is certainly the case when we move to pestilences and geomagnetic storms.

These and the other global shocks are beyond the control of kings. Other disasters (i.e. tsunamis, floods, droughts, and famine) form part of the general unsettlement that will characterize the end time. "In divers places" means that the disasters in question will be widespread, truly global, shocks.

While even the most secular of organizations realize we are entering a period we have not experienced before and give estimates and make plans, we as Christians need to go a step farther. We need to pray for His coming. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

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>>>AMERICA WHYPREPARE?

Should Christians make preparations for potential or likely uncertain times? Or, should our reliance be totally on God to provide what we need, the instant we need it? Is there some middle ground here?

Preparation is oftentimes a dirty word in today's church and within the Christian community. The Y2K issue brought this subject to a boil with serious Christians on both sides of the debate—to prepare or not prepare. As a ministry, Koinonia House talked about the Y2K issue and encouraged people to prepare for what we saw as a very potential situation.

Needless to say, we were off on the severity of the Y2K fallout. Of course, so were a lot of other people—the U.S Government included (where we got most of our information). But the preparedness issue still remains.

First off, I want to discuss some problems or dangers I see from "preppers":

Fear: People often start a preparedness mentality out of fear. Scripture is very clear on this:

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

Hoarding: Preparedness is not about being the sole survivor, or living off our stockpile while others suffer. We are to have a spirit of

2 Timothy 1:7



by Mark Gustafson Chief Operations Officer Koinonia House

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giving at all times. God truly is our provider, and if He puts it on your heart to lay away some preparations, later He may ask you to give them all away. In the end, it all belongs to God and we are merely stewards, so do not take comfort in your preparations, let your com-

To prepare out of fear is the wrong motivation.

fort be in Him, who both gives and takes away.



Haughtiness:

I have met people who, for some reason, think they are the "smart ones" because they can see what is coming, and those that can't see it are stupid. They almost seem to look forward to and are excited about a disaster that will allow them to use their preps— as they will

be prepared and ready while others are not. God forbid any of our readers would have this attitude, but it does happen.

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God's Provision

God is our ultimate protector and provider. We cannot prepare our way around Him or outside of Him. We cannot prepare for everything. We must rely upon God—wholly, without reservation, and without "self" reliance. But, at times, God's provision may come before the need. With Joseph, He gave seven years of plenty to see them through the seven years of famine. God could have simply not allowed famine, but He chose to provide in a different way. I see this happening today—God is putting preparation on many people's hearts. There is a renewed interest in stocking up, being prepared and living independently from "the system."

Everyone Is a Prepper (You Just Don't Know It)

We have all made preparations for uncertain times. Anyone that buys insurance is prepping for an unknown event. Car insurance, fire insurance, health insurance, life insurance, and unemployment insurance are all purchased for a future event that we *don't* want to happen.

Most would say that these types of preparations are prudent—who would own a house and not have fire insurance? If catastrophe strikes, I will have some provision in the form of a check from the insurance company.

Another preparation many people make is a retirement plan. Putting away money (building a cash cache) while the harvest is plenty and saving for a leaner time in our life is considered wise.

As a culture and society we have gotten away from other forms of preparations. Grocery stores and other retailers allow us to live day to day and we can get almost anything we need immediately. In fact, many retailers are open 24 hours a day. This is a wonderful, convenient system our society has developed. If everything stays the same, we can enjoy the benefits of this system for the rest of our years on this earth.

In the past (still current in many parts of the world), people grew and harvested their own crops and used various storage methods to preserve their bounty for lean times, like winter. This was a necessity of life. People knew that hard times were coming and they prepared for it. Those that didn't, perished.

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What Should We Prepare For?

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focus of preparation.

There are many other circumstances in life that also seem likely to turn normal life into difficult times—turn on the world news to get a full list, as we will just cover a few here.

Natural Disasters:
These happen quite frequently throughout the





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world, and oftentimes without warning. Watch store shelves in disaster areas—they are cleaned out within hours. Preparing for your family's needs during a natural disaster seems prudent and worthy of your attention. In fact, *not preparing* could be looked at as neglect. I doubt your insurance agent will deliver food and water to your doorstep, nor will the government come rushing in with aid (study the Hurricane Katrina governmental response).

Even disasters across the globe can cause issues here. We had to find a new vendor for our CD materials after the earthquakes in Japan caused shortages everywhere. We are now prudently growing our shelf stock accordingly.

Man-Made Disasters: A train carrying a toxic substance derails near your home, a nuclear plant leaks, a bioweapon is discharged, or some other situation occurs that may require you to leave the area for a week or more unexpectedly. These may seem extreme, but being prepared might make the difference between a one- to two-week camping trip with the family or staying in a government-controlled shelter.

Unemployment: The vast majority of people are unemployed at some time in their lives. This can be by your choice or your employer's choice, but it does happen. In today's economy, your next job may be several months away and even pay less—are you prepared enough to fill the void?

Extended Sickness or Injury: Some have health insurance, while others do not. For those that have health insurance, your medical bills are mostly covered, but other needs are not met by health insurance, such as food, gas, and other expenses that continue even though you are unable to work.

For those without health insurance, it would be an even more trying time. Making some preparations for times such as these seems prudent, as hardly anyone lives life without some sort of extended physical ailment.

Social Unrest: This can be caused by numerous events. Natural disasters cause social unrest. Terrorism is an event that can cause social

unrest. Americans seem to be getting more and more "on edge" (you know what I'm talking about), which could lead to larger scales of social unrest, possibly disrupting crucial services.

The more we watch the news and see what is happening around us, the more we should be thinking about the eventuality of an event that may cause us to rely on some preparations. A favorite saying I heard once is: "It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark." Pay close attention to what is going on, for the watchful are rarely surprised and are most often ready and prepared.

So, I ask the question: Why Prepare? I believe the chances of something happening that will negatively impact me and my family at some time during my life are 100%, so I prepare in a manner that will hopefully minimize the impact of that event.

This does not replace my reliance upon God—He is our ultimate protector and provider. Although, I do believe He often provides far in advance of the need and it is up to us to use that provision wisely, as in preparations, and not squander it on the immediate want or desire.

A prudent person foresees danger and takes precautions. The simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences.

Proverbs 22:3

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Getting Started

Making the decision to prepare is easier than actually doing it. For most of us it will mean changing the way we live and make decisions (if we get really serious). Here is a basic outline to follow:

Get out of debt: Financial debt is what ruins most people in a time of crisis. Being debt free (including your home) gives you freedom and the ability to endure difficult times. Proverbs 22:7 says "The rich ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the lender."

Store some food: Simply grow your pantry. Have enough food on hand to carry you through a time of need. I am not talking about having 500 lbs of rice and beans—stock up on foods you actually eat. A



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http://www.schoolofpreparation.com/ one-month supply is a good goal to start with and then build from there, according to your individual plan, and always remember sharing in whatever plan you make.

Store some water: Having a supply of drinking water on hand may make the difference between staying or leaving your home. After Hurricane Katrina, obtaining clean drinking water was one of

the major reasons (other than flooding) people left their homes to seek help.

Cash: Having some cash on hand is a good idea. Personally, we just had an issue with the bank where they mistakenly cancelled our debit card (on a weekend) and it took a week to get a new card. Many places do not take checks anymore and without a debit card we could not purchase certain items or extract cash from the ATM. Thankfully I keep some cash around and was able to purchase things we needed. We have run into similar situations during extended power outages, during which vendors would only take cash.

Miscellaneous items: Medicines, pet food, personal hygiene items, etc. These are all good items to have on hand in case of interruptions in the supply line. Factories closing, trucker strikes, limited freight deliveries due to fuel prices—these have all caused interruptions in the past.

The bottom line here is that the future is unknown and we need to make some intelligent guesses at what may happen and make prudent decisions about how to prepare for those potential times and circumstances.

We cannot prepare for everything, but everyone should be making some obvious preps, with the #1 prep being your relationship with God—without a solid relationship with Him, all is in vain. Now, it's up to you.

>>>BBLE THE FALLFEASTS

The Fall Feasts will be upon us soon, and once they start they flow together quickly, so it is important to be prepared. Remember, as a believer it is important for you to be able to see how Yeshua (Jesus) is central to each Feast.

The Feasts of Israel

The three Spring Feasts (Unleavened Bread, Passover, and First Fruits) all point to the first coming of Yeshua while the last three (Trumpets, Yom Kippur and Tabernacles) look to the second advent of our Lord Jesus. The middle Feast, Pentecost, is considered the birth-day of the Church.

Feast of Trumpets: 9/30/11

Because of the nature of the blowing of the Trumpets and the "last Trump," many believe that IF you had to pick a time for the Rapture to take place (although we are warned about setting dates and times—see 1 Thessalonians 5) this Feast would be a good choice.

I am not here to sell this short or to promote the possibility. My goal is for us to understand what this Feast symbolizes, how it is celebrated and, as mentioned, how one would find Jesus in it.

The religious holiday is called the Feast of Trumpets while the civil counterpart is known as Rosh HaShanah (the head of the year.)

On the Jewish civil calendar this day is the beginning of the New Year.

Interesting note: Jews believe that this day is actually the birthday of the world! On the religious side of things, this is a time when the blowing of the **shofars** call the nation to a time of introspection and repentance. **Yom Kippur**, the Day of Atonement, will occur in ten days. The shofar is an instrument made of a ram's horn and is blown one hundred times during each of the two days of Rosh HaShanah. This marks the time for preparing spiritually for the New Year.

One essential practice that I have found meaningful in my life is



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that of *Tashlich*. This is a ceremony that usually takes place during the first day of Rosh HaShanah. *Tashlich* literally means "casting off" and involves symbolically casting off the sins of the previous year by tossing pieces of bread into a body of flowing water. Unlike other New Year's celebrations worldwide where frivolity and parties take center stage, the Jews look at the coming of a new year in a much more spiritual way, with reflection and somberness.

In fact, during this time the belief is that God is reviewing the lives of each person on the planet to see if their name should be written in the Book of Life. (The Biblical instructions for this feast can be found in Leviticus 23:23-25.)

As believers in Yeshua the Messiah, this needs to be a time that we ask the Holy Spirit to bring to mind the things that we need to confess. If you want the visual experience, find some running water and cast your bread on the water and read Micah 7:18-19 and 1 John 1:7
10. And finally, let us remember the Book of Life as well (Revelation 20:11-14).

After the Feast of Trumpets, we extend this time of deep reflection for ten days (known as the Days of Awe or Repentance) which lead us to the Day of Atonement. There essential components of Yom Kippur: Teshuva (Repentance), Prayer and Fasting.

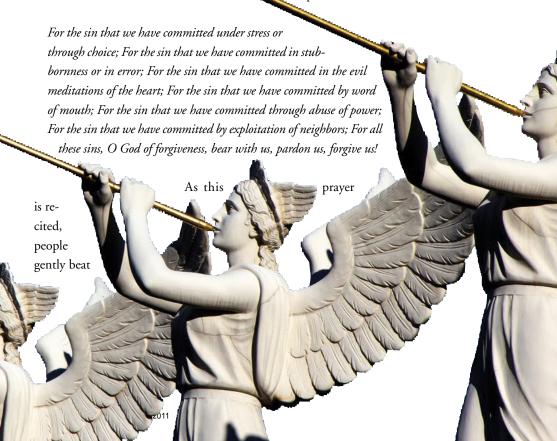
Leading up to Yom Kippur, Jews seek out those that they may have wronged over the last year to request forgiveness. Although many people think that the transgressions and sins from the previous year are forgiven through prayer, fasting and participation in Yom Kippur services, Jewish tradition teaches that only offenses committed against God can be forgiven on Yom Kippur, which is why it is paramount to take care of this during the ten Days of Awe.

Yom Kippur lasts from morning until nightfall. Many prayers are said but one is repeated at intervals throughout the synagogue service. This prayer is called *Al* Khet and asks for forgiveness for a variety of sins that may have been committed during the year.

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their fists against their chests as each sin is mentioned.

On Yom Kippur, the Book of Jonah is the text for the day, in order to remind people that God pardons those who truly repent. Yom Kippur is also marked by 25 hours of fasting. (The Biblical instructions for this feast can be found in Leviticus 23:26-32.)

When Jesus was being crucified, we are told in Luke 23:45 that the veil which kept the Holy of Holies private for only the High Priest to visit on this one day out of the year, to make atonement for the people, was now open to all those who are wrapped in the blood of the Lamb.

What the blood of bulls and goats could not do, His blood can, providing true forgiveness for all of our sins—past, present and future. So when you think of this day, call to mind Revelation 5:6, where we see Yeshua as the Lamb that was slain and let us join in worship with the 24 Elders, for He is the ONE who completes this Day of Atonement.

With that being said, I find a richness in how the Jews go through this day and I believe that it can be helpful for us as followers of Yeshua...taking time to reflect through the ten Days of Awe and to seek forgiveness from others as well as from the Lord.

Feast of Tabernacles: 10/12/11

The Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot), one of the mandatory pilgrimages, is an eight-day harvest that arrives during the Hebrew month of holiday Tishri. It starts four days after Yom Kippur. This Feast requires the building of a "sukkah," which is a porary dwelling that will be outside the home. It temhave holes that allow the wind to blow through it, must at night you must have the ability to see the stars. Sukkot is a reminder of how God provided for the Jews while wandering in the desert for 40 years (Leviticus 23:42-43). This joyous Feast also celebrates the past Harvest and

and

lasts for eight days. This is a time to remember, rejoice and also to pray for next season's rain.

In John 7, we read about Jesus being in Jerusalem for this Feast and at two solemn occasions, when marching from the Temple to the Pool of Siloam, He proclaimed aloud that He was both the Light of the world as well as the Living Water.

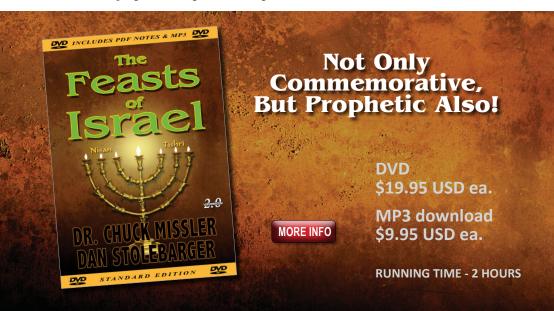
These came at a time when the Jews were celebrating the fact that God provided direction for them through the wilderness by giving them a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. The water celebration was a reminder of how God cared for them in the desert by bringing water from the rock. Jesus loudly proclaimed that these were "types" and that He was the fulfillment!

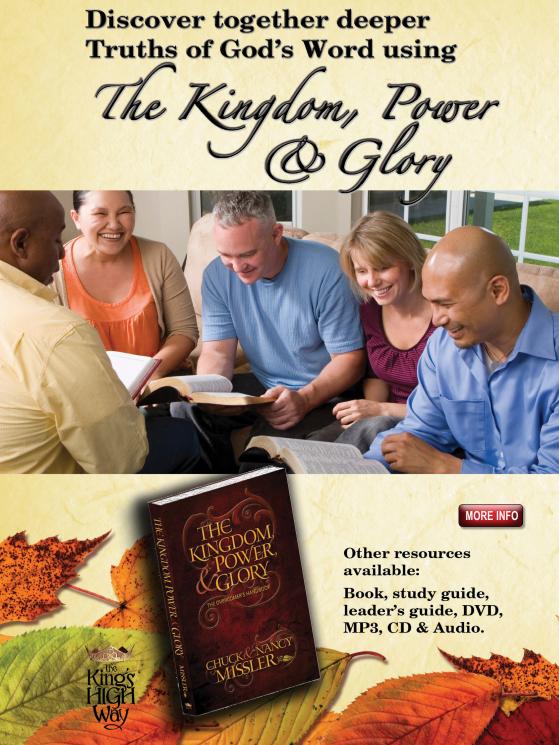
While camping out during Sukkot, imag-

ine the teaching opportunities for the head of the household! Feel the wind? See the stars? Let me tell you about how God protected our people, delivered us from Egypt and has brought us to the land He promised to Abraham.

We can clearly see Yeshua as both the Light of the World as well as the Rock that was struck in the desert that provided water for the Jews and Living Water for the Church today. As His *talmidim*, we look forward to the time when we are caught up with Him and taken to the place where He has been making preparations for us.

All the Fall Feasts point to the Second Coming of Yeshua, the Messiah! As Christians, be prepared to experience Him this year as we celebrate the Feasts. •





>>>THE BIBLE DO YOU KNOWHIM WELL?

Nan has asked me to share some thought this month about The Kingdom, Power and Glory from a pastoral point of view...

I'm Tim Tyler, one of the staff members with Nan at **The King's High Way Ministries**. Providing that "pastoral point of view" is one of the things God has given me to do here.

After *The Kingdom, Power & Glory* was published, we began to hear some people say things like, "God would never do that!" or "I've never seen that before."

This is also what people say when they hear something different, or odd, or new about someone they know. The information is so contrary to the image they had of that person that they can't quite believe the information is true.

We all need to be careful in situations like this, especially when it's about the Lord. We have to start with the belief that we may not know as much about God as we thought we knew. Even if the new information seems to contradict the viewpoint that we held in the past, we must prayerfully look at it.

Similar comments were made when Jesus was presented as the Messiah. What He said and what He did were not at all matching up with the expectations of the Jewish leadership, and that caused much trouble. Those who believed what Jesus was saying, even though it was new to them, were the ones who benefited from His fresh insights into Scripture.

All of us need to be humble when new ideas come to us. We need to go to God, through the Scriptures, and find out what is really true. If the ideas are from the Lord and we refuse to do this, we will end up missing what He is trying to teach us, and quenching the Holy Spirit. (1 John 1:9-10)

That's why Paul exhorts us in Acts 17:11: "to receive the Word with

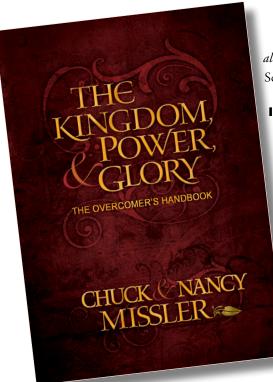


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all readiness of mind" and then, search the Scriptures to see if these things be so."

Is God So Harsh?

One of the most unsettling things about *The Kingdom, Power & Glory* book has to do with the "rewards" that Christ Jesus will either bestow or deny to each believer at the Bema Seat. It's unsettling because the Scriptures tell us how people are going to react when they lose their reward; they will be completely undone.

This picture is in sharp contrast to what many believers think today. We have an "I can take it or leave it" kind of attitude about these rewards. We don't really understand

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what it's about.

The Apostle Paul, however, understood exactly what was at stake. In 1 Corinthians 9 and 10, he mentions the issue. The last verse in Chapter 9 shows that Paul was focused and serious about running the race and winning the prize; i.e., having the approval of Jesus. He said, "But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified."

As the Misslers' book points out, Paul is not talking about "justification" here, but "sanctification" (staying a clean and open vessel that the Lord can use to produce "fruit"). Receiving the reward, the prize, and inheriting the coming kingdom was Paul's goal. He was determined that whatever it took, he did not want to be disqualified, or cast aside as Moses was for his disobedience when he struck the rock in Numbers 20.

Take a look at Strong's definition of the word, "disqualified":

G96 adokimos, ad-ok'-ee-mos. From G1 (as a negative particle) and G1384; unapproved, that is, rejected; by implication worthless (literally or morally): castaway, rejected, reprobate.

Castaway? Rejected? Paul wrote that he was after the prize, but he knew he could be rejected if he did not follow Jesus wholeheartedly. Jesus will not approve those who have continually grieved His Spirit and not repented of it. He will see their lifetime of activity as nearly worthless, and reject them as unworthy of the inheritance. They are still His; they are not lost. However, they will not be considered for rewards or inheritance.

I'm writing this for those who have read The Kingdom, Power & Glory, or at least have read previous articles here by Nancy. This topic really needs serious study in order to avoid misunderstandings. If this is all new to you, it will prompt many questions. I want to encourage you to get a copy of the book and study it. If you have questions after that, you can send an email to us at response@kingshighway.org and we will reply as quickly as possible.

Most of us have assumed that after the Rapture, we will experience *only* God's richest blessings. That is not correct. Scripture reveals that our God is serious and that He has much work for us to do here and in the Millennium. If we are unwilling to serve Him here and now, there will be consequences in the future.

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

Romans 6:1-2

God is not harsh, but He *is* definitely serious about His people and about His purposes. We need to be as determined as Paul in order not to be rejected, disqualified or unworthy. 1 John 1:9 is a good place to start in order to get back in the Spirit!

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Another Golden Crown

John 3:16

It's His Love that reached out to us when we were His enemies. That Love, along with His New Covenant, guarantees that He will never disown us, no matter what we do or fail to do.

whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

He has given us the Holy Spirit so that we can represent Him well in this world. Whether we are living the quiet life described in 1 Thessalonians 4, or put into a place of martyrdom, or something between those two, He has equipped us to be able to display His Love to all. He has designed it that way; it is His purpose.

Jesus made this clear when He gave us the great commandments. He told us that the most important thing for us to do is to love God with all that is within us: all our heart, soul, strength, and mind (Luke 10:27). The second commandment, as well as the New Commandment, is also about love. Love is what God wants us to reflect to all we come in contact with.

God is marshalling all who will follow Him to be His ambassadors. Through our words and our deeds, He wants us to display His Love to a dying world. Our message will bring them hope and peace and real life. This is Love in action.

Love is shown in a myriad of ways, but each of these "good works" must be led by the Holy Spirit. The key is that we must walk

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in the Spirit (Galatians 5) to accomplish all that God has for us to do (Ephesians 2:10). Imagine the day that Jesus chose the Twelve. Think of one of those men waiting and wondering; will He speak my name?

When his ears heard his name called, he must have caught his breath, as his heart leapt for joy. He had been chosen to walk with Jesus and serve in His ministry!

For three and a half years, the disciples listened, watched, questioned, and learned. They also obeyed. At the right time, they were thrust into the spotlight to serve with the power of God.

But what if they hadn't stayed close to Him? What if they had walked in the flesh? What if they had become disobedient? Would they have been able to do what the Lord wanted when the spotlight turned onto them?

Jesus has called your name, and chosen you to walk close to Him. You are in your training period right now. After the Rapture, those who are experienced and ready will be given such a great reward that their hearts will leap and they, too, will have to catch their breath.

In contrast to that outcome, you may wonder about the saved ones who are not ready and who are not walking with the Lord here and now. God's love extends to them as well.

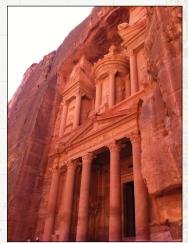
While they cannot do the work God has planned for them (they haven't learned how to walk in the Spirit) God still greatly loves them. He will lead them and help them mature. He has predestined them to be "conformed to the image of Christ." They will not be forgotten (Romans 8:29).

In closing, let me ask you about God. Do you know Him well? Some of the things you have read here may have caused you some concern. If that's the case, don't miss this opportunity to get better acquainted with the Lord. Be a detective and investigate these new things.

The Apostle Paul will have the last word. He admonishes all of us about the prize that God will grant to some. This is what he says: "Run in such a way that you may obtain it."

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